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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR

1954

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WORTHING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL OFFICES,
15 MILL ROAD,
WORTHING.

May, 1955.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for 1954.

The birth rate is the highest since 1949. There were 56 more live births than in 1953.

Although the deaths from cancer rose by 8 over the previous year, the principal cause of death was still from diseases of the heart and circulation, which were responsible for 216 deaths.

Notifications of whooping cough easily led the field amongst the Infectious Diseases. Children can be effectively immunised against this and the best age to have a baby done is between four and six months. Parents in doubt should talk it over with the Health Visitor when she calls and she will give them advice on this and any other matter concerning their children.

Although there was no case of diphtheria it is essential to keep the children protected against this as only by having a very high percentage of the child population protected can we be certain of preventing this horrible disease. I also strongly urge that parents get their babies vaccinated against smallpox. The family doctor will do this on request unless there is some contraindication such as infantile eczema.

As we do not live in perfect conditions we have to resort to artificial protection of individuals, usually by injections. At the present time I consider every baby should be protected against smallpox, diphtheria and whooping cough, unless there are medical reasons to the contrary.

The Sanitary Inspectors are constantly on the watch out for dangerous food handling techniques but they cannot control individuals' habits. Laziness or thoughtlessness in dealing with food to be consumed by others may easily lead to illness. My advice is that one should always be suspicious of food which has not been freshly prepared, especially if it has not been in a refrigerator. The latter will not destroy bacteria and toxins but its use will retard their multiplication.

I should like just to say a word on Milk. This is an excellent food for everyone and is completely safe if efficiently pasteurised. The only untreated milk sold in this district is farm-bottled tuberculin-tested milk. This should mean that the herd and farm are of a high standard and under veterinary supervision. It is

possible for this type of milk to contain organisms such as brucella abortus and of course they would not be destroyed before consumption as they would be if the milk were pasteurised.

Housing is a big problem of the Council. There is a large list of applicants for Council houses. The Ministry asks for a five-year housing programme for slum clearance. There are cases of overcrowding still outstanding. Any available houses should be divided between these three housing needs, but I consider it very desirable that the housing standard should be raised and this must involve dealing with the unfit houses.

The Rural District has caravan sites as fine as any in the land, but I should hate to see caravans as permanent homes where there are young children. There is seldom enough room for children on wet days in an ordinary house.

Much is often said about the desirability of public conveniences on our beaches. In my opinion, on health grounds, they are essential requirements on a beach where many people congregate.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

FRANK COCKCROFT,

Medical Officer of Health.

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Worthing Rural District Council.*

SECTION A

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (acres), 29,809.

Resident Population (1954) estimated by Registrar General, 30,620.

No. of inhabited houses end of 1954, according to Rate Books, 10,921.

Rateable value (1954), £328,164.

Sum represented by a 1d. rate, £1,330.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

Live Births:	Total	M.	F.
Legitimate	369	187	182
Illegitimate	18	9	9
Stillbirths	11	4	7
Deaths	501	234	267
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population ..			12.6
Corrected Birth Rate			15.8
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births ..			27.6
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population ..			16.4
Corrected Death Rate			10.3
Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth, None.			
Deaths of Infants under one year of age, 7.			
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—			
All Infants, per 1,000 live births, 18.1.			
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate births, 18.9.			
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate births, Nil.			
Deaths from Cancer (all ages), 103.			
Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age), None.			

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS, 1954

	<i>England and Wales</i>	<i>West Sussex Urban</i>	<i>Rural</i>	<i>Worthing R.D.</i>
Birth Rate	15.2	12.3	15.4	12.6
Death Rate	11.3	15.5	11.7	16.4
Infantile Death Rate ..	25.5	26	22	18.1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis				
Death Rate	0.16	0.17	0.08	0.09
Cancer Death Rate ..	2.03	2.8	2.3	3.4
Maternity Mortality Rate				
per 1,000 births ..	0.69	0.0	0.38	0.0

SECTION B
GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES
IN THE AREA

CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE:

Councillor C. W. T. SMITH.

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

Medical Officer of Health:

FRANK COCKCROFT, M.A., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.

Chief Sanitary Inspector:

E. T. OATES, F.S.I.A., M.R.S.I., A.I.S.E.

Additional Sanitary Inspectors:

B. ROSSITER, C.R.S.I.

D. HEATHCOTE, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

A. R. MOORES, C.R.S.I.

Mr. C. Hayward commenced duties on 29th November, 1954, as a student Sanitary Inspector.

The Council also employs two Rodent Operators.

The Medical Officer of Health is also Medical Officer of Health for the Littlehampton Urban District, and Assistant County Medical Officer.

The Additional Sanitary Inspectors each cover part of the District and the Chief Sanitary Inspector deals with important matters in the whole District, together with administration and committee work for the Council. In his absence Mr. Rossiter is his Deputy.

The Public Health Committee deals with practically all the public health matters which arise in the District.

Services provided by West Sussex County Council

Nursing

General District Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and School Nurses are employed by the County Council to serve in the area.

Lists, showing names and addresses of midwives, health visitors and general nurses, may be seen at County Libraries, Town Halls, or offices of Local District Councils, and the Public Health Department, County Hall, Chichester. Information as to the situation of clinics and times of sessions may be obtained from the same sources, or from the local midwife, health visitor or general nurse.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres

The County Council provide Centres at Littlehampton and Arundel. These Centres are accessible to some of the residents of the rural parishes adjoining these urban areas.

The County Council also hold Centres within the district at East Preston, Findon, Lancing, Rustington and Angmering.

The following figures have been provided by the County Medical Officer showing the attendances at the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics.

	<i>ANTE NATAL</i>		<i>POST NATAL</i>	
	<i>No. of women attending</i>	<i>Total attendances</i>	<i>No. of women attending</i>	<i>Total attendances</i>
Lancing ..	101	435	11	11
Rustington ..	52	65	15	16

CHILD WELFARE

	<i>No. of children attending</i>	<i>Total attendances</i>
Angmering	62	389
East Preston	118	998
Findon	39	266
Lancing	474	4,370
Rustington	101	856

Free dental treatment is available for expectant and nursing mothers at the Dental Clinics.

A Birth Control Clinic is provided by the County Council at Shoreham Health Centre and a Family Planning Association operates one at the Health Centre at Bognor Regis.

Ante-Natal Clinics are held by the County Council at Lancing and Rustington.

School Clinics

The following Clinics held by the County Council are available for children resident in the district:—

Minor Ailments Clinics, Eye Clinics and Dental Clinics are held at Littlehampton Health Centre, Lancing Health Centre and Shoreham-by-Sea Health Centre.

Orthopædic Clinics are held at Lancing Health Centre, Littlehampton Health Centre and Chichester Health Centre.

Physiotherapy Clinics are held at Littlehampton Health Centre, Lancing Health Centre, and Shoreham-by-Sea Health Centre.

Speech Therapy Clinics are held regularly at Chichester and Bognor Regis Health Centres and as required at the Lancing, Littlehampton and Shoreham-by-Sea Health Centres.

Children suffering from enlarged tonsils and adenoids are treated at the Sussex Throat and Ear Hospital, Brighton, at Littlehampton Hospital, and at Worthing Hospital.

Ambulance Service

Acting as agent for the County Council, the St. John Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society operate the Ambulance and Hospital Car Service in the County. Calls for an ambulance are made through the doctor or nurse in attendance on the case or through the Police or public in case of accidents or other emergencies.

Health Education

The County Council are responsible for this service, a great amount of which is done by the Health Visitors, both in the homes and at the Clinics.

Mental Health

The County Council is responsible for a domiciliary mental welfare service, but institutional and out-patient treatment is provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

Home Help Service

This continued to be carried out very efficiently by the Women's Voluntary Service on behalf of the County Council.

The W.V.S. provide a Meals on Wheels service for old people. The western area is covered from Littlehampton and the eastern area from Lancing. The latter send out approximately 50 meals to old people in their homes, and 25 to an old people's club, each day.

Hospital and Specialist Services

A comprehensive hospital and specialist service is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. Hospital accommodation of a private nature is available in certain circumstances, subject to appropriate charges.

Mass Radiography Units are stationed at Portsmouth and Brighton where members of the public may have their chests X-rayed at regular intervals.

Chest Clinics

Chest Clinics are held at Worthing Hospital and Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea, which are available to all residents in the Worthing Rural District.

Venereal Diseases

Residents may attend Clinics at Worthing Hospital, St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, or St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

General Medical and Dental Services

Local arrangements for these services are organised through the National Health Service Executive Council for West Sussex, 175 Broyle Road, Chichester.

Laboratory Facilities

The following Laboratories are available for the examination of specimens:—

The Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.

The Worthing Hospital Laboratory.

The Public Analyst's Laboratory, Lewes.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT 1951

Section 47

It has not been necessary to take action under this section.

Section 50—Burial or Cremation of the Dead

It has been necessary to undertake the burial of one person during the year under the provisions of this Section. The Council have a contract with a local Undertaker for the burial of all persons under this section.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

I. WATER SUPPLY

(a) Ten of the Parishes in the District have Public Mains Water Supply, the remaining seven Parishes have piped supplies to a varying extent from private sources.

The following extensions of mains have been made during the year:—

- (i) By Worthing Rural District Council in the Parishes of:—
- | | | |
|-------------|--|-----------|
| Findon: | Stable Lane | 117 yards |
| Ferring: | Glebeland | 313 „ |
| | Little Drive | 157 „ |
| | Middle, East and West Onslow Close | 100 „ |
| | Elm Park | 32 „ |
| Rustington: | Broadmark (Frewing) .. | 133 „ |
| | Broadmark (Wickens) .. | 233 „ |
| | Off Sea Lane (Stanard) .. | 195 „ |
| | Allangate | 618 „ |
- (ii) By Worthing Corporation in the Parish of
Sompting (2in.) 42 yards
- (iii) By Brighton Corporation in the Parish of Lancing:—
- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| North Farm Road (4in. diameter) .. | 451 yards |
| Boundary Road (4in. diameter) | 178 „ |
| The Crescent and Chester Avenue .. | 343 „ |
| Ring Road | 32 „ |

The quality of the water obtained from public sources continues satisfactory and wholesome. Unsatisfactory reports on samples of water taken from individual wells have resulted in action being taken in all cases to render the supply wholesome, or alternatively to secure the laying on of a public water supply. In one Parish/Farm community where the supply from the local well was unsatisfactory, extensive alterations to the pumping equipment were carried out and a chlorination plant installed with satisfactory results.

The quantity of water available for public consumption is adequate throughout the District. Where public piped supplies are available regular bacteriological examinations and chemical analyses are made by the Water Undertakers concerned, that is to say, the Brighton Corporation, Worthing Corporation, and Littlehampton Urban District Council.

During the year 63 samples of water were sent to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination, ten of these were from Public Supplies and four from Public Supplies owned by Private Companies; the remainder were from individual wells. All the Public Supplies are chlorinated.

The following table gives details of the water supply in each Parish:—

WATER SUPPLIED:—

<i>Parish</i>	<i>(a) Direct to house</i>	<i>Popula- tion</i>	<i>(b) By means of stand- pipes</i>	<i>Popula- tion</i>	<i>(c) Wells</i>	<i>Pop.</i>
Angmering	743	2,006	0	0	6	17
Burpham	66	184	0	0	9	26
Clapham	91	254	0	0	7	20
Coombes	13	35	0	0	11	32
East Preston . . .	857	2,357	0	0	29	84
Ferring	915	2,517	0	0	38	111
Findon	404	1,125	0	0	5	15
Houghton	37	103	0	0	6	17
Kingston	92	257	0	0	18	52
Lancing	4,428	12,177	0	0	11	31
Lyminster	93	251	0	0	7	20
Patching	68	190	0	0	13	38
Poling	57	159	0	0	9	26
Rustington	1,448	3,982	0	0	17	51
Sompting	1,497	4,124	0	0	43	126
South Stoke . . .	17	47	0	0	8	23
Warningcamp . . .	55	154	0	0	3	9
TOTAL:	10,881	29,922	0	0	240	698

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Western Area

The sewerage system serving the Parishes of East Preston, Angmering, Rustington, Kingston and Ferring, discharges to the sea through storage tanks at Kingston on the ebb tide at a point 500 yards below high water mark and functioned satisfactorily throughout the year. The sewage from this area is passed through

the system by means of ejectors and pumping stations, and upon reception at the Works is screened, chlorinated.

Eastern Area

The system at Lancing has proved satisfactory throughout the year. The chlorination plant now permanently installed has resulted in no nuisance arising from the discharged sewage.

During the year, 15 new connections to the sewers were made in the Parish of Sompting. This makes a total of 955 properties connected to the sewer since the laying of the new sewers in 1949.

The sewerage scheme for the Parish of Findon is now in the hands of the Ministry, and their decision is awaited in the matter.

Sewer Extensions

The following extensions have been made to existing sewers during the year:—

In the Parish of Sompting:—

Hillrise Avenue 40 yards

In the Parish of Ferring:—

Little Drive 40 yards

Glebeland 325 yards

In the Parish of Rustington:—

Allangate 880 yards

Old Manor Road 500 yards

Sewers vested in the Council:—

Lyminster 400 yards

Rustington (Brookside Avenue) 316 yards

3. PUBLIC CLEANSING

(a) House Refuse

Refuse collection has been carried out weekly at all Parishes in the more populated Parishes along the coast, and in the out-lying Parishes collections are made twice monthly.

The work is carried out by the use of six rear loading refuse collection vehicles of the latest design, supplemented by two small side loaders for actual refuse collection, and two small lorries for general service work and one van for waste paper collection and salvage.

In the western area controlled tipping at the Swillage Lime Kiln, Angmering, was carried out but this site was practically used up by the end of the year. The Council are faced with finding satisfactory alternative means of disposal during the forthcoming year.

In the eastern area pulverisation of refuse continues satisfactorily together with the salvage of waste products, from which considerable income towards the reduction of the overall cost of the service has been obtained.

(b) Cesspools

The cesspool emptying service has operated to its full capacity throughout the year but in spite of this there have been times when

it has been necessary to hire an additional emptier. It appears very evident that one cesspool emptier cannot do all the emptying that is required at certain times of the year.

4. RIVERS AND STREAMS

It has not been found necessary for any action to be taken in respect of pollution of rivers and streams in the area.

5. SWIMMING BATHS

There is one Swimming Pool at Rustington Lido. The chlorination plant broke down during the year but has been reconditioned during the winter in order to prevent any future breakdown.

6. SCHOOLS

No. of County Schools in the District	..	..	..	12
No. with Public Water Supply	..	..	..	12
No. with water closets (separate pedestal)	..	..	..	11
No. with earth closets	..	..	..	1

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA
SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS MADE
DURING THE YEAR

Houses under Housing Act	..	..	..	..	..	128
Housing Act re-inspections	..	..	..	..	..	294
Houses inspected for overcrowding	..	..	..	..	..	275
Houses under Public Health Acts for defects	..	..	..	..	..	195
Public Health Act re-inspections	..	..	..	..	..	597
Premises under Public Health Acts for nuisances	..	..	..	..	..	380
Animals premises	..	..	..	..	..	72
Complaints investigated	..	..	..	..	..	194
Water tests applied to drains at reconstruction or connection to sewer	..	..	..	..	..	40
Smoke tests applied to drains at reconstruction or connection to sewer	..	..	..	..	..	0
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	..	..	..	..	..	5,222
Number of Camping Sites inspected	..	..	..	..	..	187
Number of Moveable Dwellings inspected	..	..	..	..	..	69
Visits to obtain samples of water	..	..	..	..	..	63
Visits for interview with Owner, Agents, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	507
Refuse Tips and Public Cleansing	..	..	..	..	..	814
Miscellaneous visits	..	..	..	..	..	869
Infectious Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	34
Rooms disinfected	..	..	..	..	..	16
Slaughterhouses	..	..	..	..	..	134
Meat Shops, Stalls and Vehicles	..	..	..	..	..	496
Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	..	219
Ice Cream Premises	..	..	..	..	..	117
Restaurants	..	..	..	..	..	289

Hotel Kitchens	92
Other Food Premises	353
Cowsheds	8
Dairies and Milkshops	18
Bakehouses	113
Factories where Mechanical Power is used	140
Factories where Mechanical Power is not used	14
Workplaces and Offices	45
Shops Act	318
Petroleum Acts	70
Rag Flock Act	3
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Total number of inspections made	12,385
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SUMMARY OF NOTICES SERVED AS A RESULT OF CONDITIONS FOUND AT THE ABOVE INSPECTIONS

	<i>Notices served</i>	<i>Notices complied with</i>
(a) Statutory		
1. Demolition Orders (Form 5) made under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936	0	1
2. Under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936	1	2
3. Under Section 7 of the Factories Act, 1937 (Sanitary Accommodation)	1	0
4. Under Section 83 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Verminous Premises)	1	1
5. Under Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (Dustbins)	4	1
6. Under Section 30 of the Water Act, 1945	1	1
7. Under Section 3 (5) of the Slaughterhouses Act, 1954	1	0
(b) Preliminary		
1. To execute works under the Housing Acts	37	9
2. To abate overcrowding	1	0
3. To execute works under Public Health Acts	74	85
4. To abate nuisances	138	145
5. To remedy contraventions of Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	637	614
6. To abate contraventions at Moveable Dwellings	2	2
7. To abate contraventions at Camping Sites	3	2
8. To abate contraventions at Food Premises	48	55
9. To remedy contraventions at Bakehouses	9	6
10. To abate contraventions of Factories Act	2	3

	<i>Notices served</i>	<i>Notices complied with</i>
11. To abate contraventions at Workshops and Offices	1	0
12. To abate contraventions of Shops Acts..	4	3
13. To abate contraventions of Petroleum Acts	5	5
14. To abate contraventions at Animals' Premises	5	8
15. To abate contraventions of Quarry Fenc- ing Act	1	1

SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORKS AND IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT

Houses demolished	0
Houses redrained to Council's sewer	28
Cesspools abolished	20
Houses redrained defective	8
Houses where drains repaired.. .. .	7
Intercepting traps provided	18
Ventilation shafts fixed and repaired.. .. .	12
Inspection chambers constructed	47
Inspection chambers repaired.. .. .	3
Obstruction removed from drains	25
Cesspools emptied and cleansed after Notice	11
Chemical closets provided	1
Additional W.C's constructed.. .. .	17
Defective W.C. pans and traps renewed or repaired	8
W.C's provided with flushing cisterns and water supply	2
Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	6
Houses provided with new cesspools	1
Sewage installations provided.. .. .	3
Chemical closets abolished	1
Earth closets abolished.. .. .	11
Rainwater pipes disconnected from drains	1
Cesspools repaired	3
Houses provided with mains water supply	10
Additional water taps provided	6
Houses provided with sinks	4
Defective sinks renewed or repaired	14
Defective sink waste pipes renewed	19
Rooms stripped, cleansed and redecorated	125
Ceilings stripped, cleansed and redecorated	81
Windows repaired	81
Windows provided or enlarged	4
New sashcords fixed	28
Fasteners and stays provided to windows	9
Rooms where wall plaster repaired	100
External walls repaired	20

Floors repaired or renewed	36
Draining Boards repaired or renewed	3
Stoves and fireplaces repaired or renewed	21
Chimney stacks repaired or renewed	20
Rooms where dampness remedied	25
Rooms ventilated	7
Accumulations of refuse removed	28
Paving to yards repaired or renewed	17
Roofs repaired	16
Rainwater pipes and eaves gutters repaired or renewed	17
Verminous premises disinfested	12
Refuse receptacles provided	30
Food stores provided	9
Handrails provided	6
Electric lighting provided	8
Bathrooms provided	9
Fuel Stores provided	5
Hot water services provided	12
Rooms and bedding cleansed by tenant	8
Sculleries provided	2
Underfloor ventilation provided	6
Miscellaneous	21
TOTAL	1,052

Factories Act, 1937

1. Inspections

<i>Premises</i>	<i>Number on Register</i>	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Written Notices</i>	<i>Occupiers Prosecuted</i>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	34	14	2	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities	72	140	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	0	0	0	—
Total	106	154	2	—

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness ..	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ..	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of floors ..	—	* I	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient ..	I	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	—	* I	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ..	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences ..	4	4	—	—	—
Total ..	7	8	—	—	—

*Cases outstanding from previous years.

There are 19 Outworkers in the district.

There were still 36 contraventions outstanding at the end of the year. These were from previous years.

Shops Act, 1950

In July the County Council agreed that the Council should act as agents for the County Council in enforcing the provisions of Sub-Sections 3, 4 and 5 of Section 38 of the Shops Act, 1950. This means the Health Department will deal with all matters relating to health in shops.

No. of shops in the district	..	..	..	..	395
No. of inspections of shops	..	..	..	..	318
No. of shops where contraventions found	..	..	..	..	4
No. of shops where contraventions remedied	..	..	..	..	3

Contraventions remedied:—

Heating provided	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sanitary convenience provided	..	..	..	..	..	4
Ventilation provided	..	..	..	..	..	1
Washing facilities provided	..	..	..	..	..	4
Other improvements	..	..	..	..	..	4

Workplaces and Offices

No. of Workplaces	..	..	..	..	..	126
No. of Offices	..	..	..	..	..	44
No. of inspections	..	..	..	..	..	45
No. of contraventions found	..	..	..	..	..	1
No. of contraventions remedied	..	..	..	..	..	0

Moveable Dwellings

187 visits were made to Camping Sites and 69 to individual Moveable Dwellings.

There are 7 commercial sites in the District with accommodation for 658 caravans. Each of these sites is fully provided with all the amenities normally expected, that is to say, sanitary annexe comprising baths, washbasins, water-borne sanitation, clothes washing facilities and drying areas, metalled roadways, hard standings for caravans, ample water points from the public mains supply, and in some cases, additional amenities in the form of canteens and games rooms.

In addition to the above there are 5 smaller sites providing accommodation for 15 caravans, and 28 single sites whereon there are stationed individual caravans. Thus the total number of caravan accommodation in the District is 701 in all.

Eradication of Bed Bugs

Where infestations are found the necessary notices are served. The work of disinfestation is usually carried out by the Council on payment of the necessary fee.

No infestations were found during the year.

Smoke Abatement

No complaints have been received during the year but at one site in the district work has been carried out to prevent smoke nuisance and the premises are being kept under observation.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

Number of premises licensed	..	..	..	..	1
Number of inspections made	..	..	..	..	0

Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951

Number of premises registered	..	..	..	..	1
Number of inspections made	..	..	..	..	3
Number of contraventions found	..	..	..	..	0

Mosquitoes

Routine inspections of ditches and watercourses revealed no nuisances of this nature.

Beach Flies

In the early part of the year considerable nuisance was experienced from the breeding of flies on the whole length of coastline within the District. Several methods of eradication were given consideration, and finally arrangements were made in conjunction with adjoining Authorities for the whole of the beach area to be treated. This work was carried out by arrangement with Worthing Corporation, who used their trained team of operators and their equipment to spray the whole of the beach area, the cost of which was met by the Council.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The Department was very active in this connection and the following is a table of the work carried out:—

No. of inspections made	..	..	..	..	1,165
No. of reinspections made	..	..	..	..	4,057
Complaints made by the public	..	..	..	..	497
Infestations found as a result of above	..	..	..	..	497
Infestations found by the Public Health Department	..	..	..	..	140
Total number of premises where nuisances found	..	..	..	..	637

Premises where nuisances remedied:—

Rats:	Reservoir	..	..	0	
	Major	..	..	4	
	Minor	..	..	55 ⁸	
Mice:	Major	..	..	0	
	Minor	..	..	5 ²	
TOTAL	614

No. of block control operations (2 or more premises) ..	72
No. of joint operations reported to West Sussex Agricultural Executive Committee.. .. .	1

Summary

Total number of rats found dead	1,227
Total number of rats estimated destroyed	2,453
Total number of mice found dead	659

SECTION D

HOUSING

Set out below are details of the waiting list for housing accommodation in the District, together with a summary of the Council's Housing Programme for the future.

(a) Total number of applicants on waiting list for houses at 31st December, 1954	731
Total number of applications received during 1954 ..	324
Total number families re-housed during 1954	117
Number of houses at present held under requisitioning by Council at 31st December, 1954	23
Number of families re-housed therein at 31st December, 1954	24
Number of other dwellings, Army Huts, etc., requisitioned, and the number of families re- housed therein:—	
{ Army Huts	2
{ Families	1

The Surveyor has supplied me with the following information regarding the Council's Housing Programme. Up to 31st December, 1954, tenders had been accepted for the erection of Houses, Bungalows and Flats, as follows:—

Burpham	2
Ferring	19
Lancing	42
Rustington	44
Sompting	4
Total	111

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING 1954

PARISH	Total	Private Enterprise	With State Assistance under Housing Acts	
			By Local Authority	By other Bodies
Angmering	11	9	2	0
Burpham	0	0	0	0
Clapham	1	1	0	0
Coombes	0	0	0	0
East Preston	40	40	0	0
Ferring	64	54	10	0
Findon	16	16	0	0
Houghton	0	0	0	0
Kingston	2	2	0	0
Lancing	122	122	0	0
Lyminster	1	1	0	0
Patching	2	2	0	0
Poling	0	0	0	0
Rustington	89	89	0	0
Sompting	72	36	36	0
South Stoke . . .	0	0	0	0
Warningcamp .	1	1	0	0
TOTALS . . .	421	373	48	0

HOUSING STATISTICS

1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year:—

(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	323
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose . .	891
(2) (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	128
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose . .	294
(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	23
(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	37

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:—

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	94
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:—

(a) <i>Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.</i>	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	1
(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice—	
(a) By Owners	2
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners..	0
(b) <i>Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—</i>	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice—	
(a) By Owners	1
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners..	0
(c) <i>Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.</i>	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	0
(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	0
(d) <i>Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.</i>	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground ground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	0
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	0
(e) No action has been taken under the Housing Act, 1949.	

OVERCROWDING

(a) (1) No. of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	8
(2) No. of families dwelling therein	10
(3) No. of persons dwelling therein	64

(b)	No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.. .. .	I
(c)	No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	0
	No. of persons concerned in such cases	0
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	0

RURAL HOUSING

The value of the works of improvement and repair required to bring the houses up to the standard laid down was £6,323 gs. 10d., the total amount of grant made in respect of these houses was £2,314 11s. 2d.

Set out below is the present state and classification of the houses included within the scope of the Rural Housing Survey as at December 31st, 1954.

PARISH	<i>No. of houses at or below £30 R.V.</i>	* CATEGORIES:—				
		TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5
Angmering	611	246	119	246	56	25
Burpham	49	6	4	39	28	7
Clapham	89	51	9	29	11	4
Coombes	19	0	6	13	7	3
East Preston ..	510	276	135	99	11	6
Ferring	537	175	256	106	43	9
Findon	294	0	137	157	51	15
Houghton	43	0	7	36	13	15
Kingston	21	4	3	14	4	2
Lancing	3683	1347	470	1866	36	36
Lyminster	79	4	15	60	19	12
Patching	71	17	19	35	21	1
Poling	54	14	7	33	24	3
Rustington ...	809	194	321	294	6	2
Sompting	1443	1312	82	49	21	19
South Stoke ..	22	2	3	17	10	4
Warningcamp .	56	17	13	26	9	4
TOTAL:	8390	3665	1606	3119	370	167

*Categories:—

1. Satisfactory in all respects.
2. Minor defects.
3. Requiring repair, structural alteration or improvement.
4. Appropriate for reconditioning under the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts.
5. Unfit for habitation and beyond repair at reasonable expense.

SECTION E

FOOD

CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN

(1) The number of food premises in the area is as follows:—

Dairies.. .. .	10
Bakehouses	13
Grocery and Provisions	76
Greengrocers	28
Fish Shops	12
Meat Shops	20
Cafes and Restaurants	59
Hotel Kitchens	53
Confectioners	52
Ice Cream Premises	98 (actually selling Ice Cream)
Licensed Premises	32
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TOTAL	453
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(2) (a) The number of food premises registered under Section 14 of the Food & Drugs Act is as follows:—

Sale of Sausages, cooked meats, etc.	18
Sale of meat pies, cooked ham	4
Preparation of preserved food for sale	1
Preparation of sandwiches and snacks, teas and light refreshments for sale.. .. .	5
Preparation of cooked foods and fried fish for sale	5
Preparation of food for sale	7
Delicatessen shop	1
Sale of Ice Cream	120 (not all selling)
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TOTAL	161
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(2) (b) The number of Dairies registered under the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949, is as follows: 10

(3) The number of inspections of registered food premises is not kept separately; the number of inspections carried out at food premises is as follows:—

Slaughterhouses	134
Meat shops	495
Fish Shops	219
Ice Cream premises.. .. .	117

Restaurants	289
Hotel Kitchens	92
Other food premises	353
Cowsheds	8
Dairies and milkshops	18
Bakehouses	113
TOTAL	1838

As a result of these inspections 55 contraventions of varying nature were found, and 61, including some from the previous year, were remedied.

(4) Clean Food educational work was carried out by the Inspectors during their visits to food premises and in this work they have met with full co-operation from most of the proprietors.

(5) Until July when the control of meat ended, the method of disposal of condemned food was, so far as meat is concerned, if imported it was returned to the Ministry of Food Depot in the Worthing Borough, and where Home Killed, to the Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse, also in Worthing.

Following on de-control and the coming into use of a slaughterhouse in the District, the Home Killed meat condemned as unfit for human consumption is disposed of to Fertiliser manufacturers and soap boilers.

(6) It has not been necessary to carry out any special examination of specific stocks or consignments of food.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD MILK

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949

Number of Milk Distributors registered	9
Number of Premises registered as Dairies	10
Number of Milk Dealers licensed to sell "Tuberculin Tested" milk	6
Number of premises licensed for the retail of "Tuberculin Tested" milk	8
Number of "Supplementary" Licences to retail "Tuberculin Tested" milk within the District	4
Number of Milk Dealers licensed to retail "Pasteurised" milk	11
Number of premises licensed for the retail of "Pasteurised" milk	13
Number of "Supplementary" licences to retail "Pasteurised" milk within the District	4
Number of Milk Dealers licensed to retail "Sterilised" milk	24

Number of "Supplementary" licences to retail "Sterilised" milk within the District	1
Number of inspections made:—	
(1) Cowsheds	8
(2) Milkshops and Dairies	18
(3) Vehicles	0
Number of contraventions of the Regulations found ..	1

Report on Samples of Milk taken during the year

	<i>No. taken by other Local Authorities</i>	<i>Animal Innoculation Test for Tuberculosis</i>	
		<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
Attested	15	15	0
Tuberculin Tested ..	5	5	0
Accredited	9	8	1
Ordinary	4	4	0
TOTAL ..	33	32	1

Of 34 samples submitted to the Brucella Ring Test, 16 were positive. Subsequently Brucella Abortus was isolated in 9 cases. Where Brucella Abortus is isolated from the milk an inspection at the farm is made.

ICE CREAM

The control of the sale and manufacture of Ice Cream under the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947, again proved generally satisfactory.

No. of premises registered for manufacture	1
No. of premises registered for manufacture and sale ..	15
No. of premises registered for retail only	105
No. of inspections of premises where Ice Cream sold ..	117
No. of samples taken	52

Of the 52 samples taken:—28 were Grade 1; 16 were Grade 2; 6 were Grade 3; 2 were Grade 4.

MEAT

The control of meat and livestock Orders came to an end in July, 1954. Until then the supplies of meat were made to shops from Ministry of Food Slaughterhouses outside the District; such meat was inspected after its delivery to the shops and a small quantity of unfit food was found.

Subsequent to the control of meat, one slaughterhouse in the District came into full use, and by the end of the year slaughtering was taking place at these premises daily. When the owner applied for renewal of his licence to use the premises, the Council approved only on condition that specified works were carried out, and the owner agreed to do these.

Carcases inspected and condemned

The following table is a summary of the number of animals killed and the amount of meat surrendered:—

	Cattle, excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	46	0	65	61	283
Number inspected	46	0	65	61	283
<i>All diseases except T.B.—</i>					
Whole carcases condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	6	0	0	0	2
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. ..	13.01%	0	0	0	0.70%
<i>Tuberculosis only—</i>					
Whole carcases condemned	1	0	1	0	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	0	0	0	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	4.34%	0	1.53%	0	1.76%

Continued inspections of deliveries of meat to shops were carried out. The total weight of meat found to be unfit for human consumption was as follows:—

Affected with Tuberculosis: Bovine	..	..	824 lbs.
Pigs	..	..	256 lbs.
Affected with other diseases	..	..	278 lbs.

Slaughterhouses and Meat Shops

No. of Slaughterhouses in the district	..	..	..	3
No. of Slaughterhouses licensed	..	..	..	1
No. of Inspections at Slaughterhouses	..	..	..	134
No. of Meat Shops in the district	..	..	..	20
No. of Inspections at Meat Shops	..	..	..	495
No. of Vehicles inspected .. ..	..	..	..	1
No. of Notices served for contravention of Byelaws	..	..	..	7
No. of Notices complied with	..	..	..	6

KNACKER'S YARD

The one Knacker's Yard in the district has been operated satisfactorily throughout the year.

BAKEHOUSES

All Bakehouses in the District have been inspected at least twice, and all were very clean and satisfactory.

No. of Bakehouses in District	..	..	..	..	13
No. underground	..	..	..	..	0
No. of inspections	..	..	..	..	113

No. of vehicles inspected	0
No. of Notices served for sanitary defects	9
No. of Notices complied with	6

OTHER FOODS

Foods diseased, unsound, etc., other than under Meat Regulations:—

No. of parcels of food surrendered	13
No. of seizures	0

The following foods were found to be unfit for human consumption and were surrendered:—

Bacon and Ham	45 lbs. 8 oz.
Fish.. .. .	14 lbs.
Miscellaneous Tinned Foods	80 lbs. 2 oz.
Miscellaneous Foods	54 lbs.
Tinned Milk	10 ³ / ₄ pints

SHELL FISH

There are no shell fish beds or layings in the district.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases

	Under 1 year	1—2	3—4	5—9	10—14	15—24	25 and over	Total
Scarlet Fever ...	—	1	4	9	2	1	—	17
Whooping Cough	12	31	33	45	—	—	2	123
Ac. Polio-myelitis:								
Paralytic	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Non-Paralytic.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	1	2	8	11	—	—	—	22
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Under 5 years	5—14	15—44	45—64	65 and over	Total
Pneumonia	—	—	—	3	1	4
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ac. Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	1	1
Meningococcal Infection	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	1	4	5	10
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	20	—	—	20
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—

	<i>Total cases notified</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital</i>	<i>Total Deaths</i>
Scarlet Fever	17	11	—
Whooping Cough	123	2	—
Measles	22	2	—
Pneumonia	4	0	1
Food Poisoning	10	1	—
Erysipelas	1	0	—
Ac. Poliomyelitis	1	1	—
Puerperal Pyxexia	20	*20	—

* All cases notified from Zachary Merton Hospital. No case was a resident of Worthing Rural District.

Diphtheria Immunisation

Diphtheria Immunisation has again been carried out during the year by the County Council.

During the year 287 children completed a full course of primary immunisation, and 400 children received a third reinforcing dose.

No case of Diphtheria was notified during the year.

The yearly notifications of Diphtheria since the inauguration of the Rural District in 1933 are shown below:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Notifications</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Notifications</i>
1933	12	1943	0
1934	43	1944	2
1935	28	1945	1
1936	4	1946	3
1937	17	1947	0
1938	16	1948	1
1939	24	1949	6
1940	4	1950-54	0
1941	6		
1942	0		

Food Poisoning

No. of outbreaks	..	..	..	..	1
No. of cases	..	..	..	..	10
No. of deaths	..	..	..	..	Nil
Organism responsible	..	..	..	..	Staphylococcus Pyogenes
Food involved	..	..	..	..	Lambs' Tongues in Aspic

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality

<i>Age Periods</i>	<i>New cases</i>				<i>Deaths</i>			
	<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non- Pulmonary</i>		<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non- Pulmonary</i>	
	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—
20	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
55	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	2	1	—	—	2	—	—	—
Totals	11	11	—	1	2	1	—	—

One person died who had not been notified during life. The condition was found at the post-mortem examination.

PUBLIC HEALTH (Prevention of Tuberculosis) REGULATIONS 1925

It has not been necessary to serve any notice under these Regulations which prevent persons suffering from Tuberculosis taking part in the production of milk.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, Section 172

No action has had to be taken by the Council under this Section, which gives power to Sanitary Authorities to apply in special cases for a Magistrate's Order for the removal of Tuberculous persons to an Institution for isolation.